

DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE

01-86

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Navajo County has the authority pursuant to A.R.S. §24-361 et. seq. to regulate and prohibit the running at large of dogs within the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS many citizens have been attacked or harrassed by dogs running loose in various unincorporated areas of the County; and

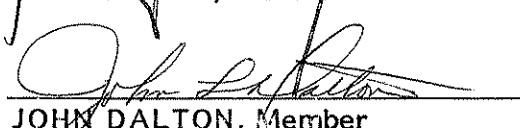
WHEREAS the County Board of Supervisors has concluded that an ordinance is essential for the public well-being of that portion of the public residing in the unincorporated areas of the County, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

1. That it shall be unlawful for any dog to run at large being neither confined by an enclosure nor physically restrained by a leash within any unincorporated areas of Navajo County.
2. That this ordinance does not apply to dogs used for control of livestock or while being used or trained for hunting.
3. That any owner of a dog found to be running at large who has with criminal negligence, wrecklessness, or intent permitted said dog to run at large shall be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.
4. That any dog found running at large in violation of this ordinance may be seized by the Navajo County Sheriff or his designee. The Sheriff shall make a reasonable effort to locate the dog's owner but need not publish any notice. If the owner is not located the Sheriff may order the animal destroyed. In no case may the dog be destroyed sooner than 72 hours from the time it is captured by the Sheriff.
5. This ordinance shall be enforced within the discretion of the Navajo County Sheriff and may be enforced through intergovernmental agreements with various municipalities in the County to cover not only the unincorporated areas of the County but also the incorporated areas of the County relating to those municipalites contracting to enforce the same.
6. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the Navajo County Board of Supervisors.

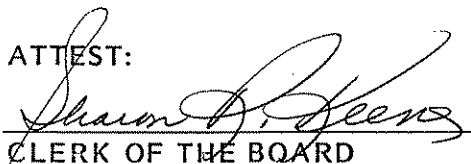
ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 1986.

  
PETE SHUMWAY, Chairman

  
PERCY DEAL, Member

  
JOHN DALTON, Member

ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF THE BOARD